

Senate File 369 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning facilities licensed to provide inpatient
2 psychiatric treatment and services and the psychiatric bed
3 tracking system.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DIRECTIVES TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

2 — PSYCHIATRIC BED TRACKING SYSTEM. The department of human
3 services shall amend its administrative rules pursuant to
4 chapter 17A to do all of the following:

5 1. Require the department to maintain contact on a daily
6 basis with the state mental health institutes and hospitals
7 licensed to provide inpatient psychiatric treatment to ensure
8 updates are made on a daily basis to the psychiatric bed
9 tracking system on the availability of inpatient psychiatric
10 beds in each facility. Updates shall include information on
11 the number of acute psychiatric beds and transition psychiatric
12 beds that are available.

13 2. Implement recommendations proposed by the department
14 relating to the psychiatric bed tracking system.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill relates to facilities licensed to provide
19 inpatient psychiatric treatment and services and the
20 psychiatric bed tracking system. The bill directs the
21 department of human services to amend its administrative rules
22 to require the department to maintain contact on a daily basis
23 with the state mental health institutes and hospitals licensed
24 to provide inpatient psychiatric treatment to ensure updates
25 are made on a daily basis to the psychiatric bed tracking
26 system on the availability of inpatient psychiatric beds in
27 each facility. The updates shall include information on the
28 number of acute psychiatric beds and transition psychiatric
29 beds available.

30 The bill also requires the department to implement
31 recommendations proposed by the department relating to the
32 psychiatric bed tracking system.